

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

SOLOCRON EDUCATION, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

INFINITY LEARNING SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:15-CV-1205-JRG

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

DISCOVERY ORDER

After a review of the pleaded claims and defenses in this action, in furtherance of the management of the Court's docket under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, and after receiving the input of the parties to this action, it is ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Initial Disclosures. In lieu of the disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1), each party shall disclose to every other party the following information:

- (a) the correct names of the parties to the lawsuit;
- (b) the name, address, and telephone number of any potential parties;
- (c) the legal theories and, in general, the factual bases of the disclosing party's claims or defenses (the disclosing party need not marshal all evidence that may be offered at trial);
- (d) the name, address, and telephone number of persons having knowledge of relevant facts, a brief statement of each identified person's connection with the case, and a brief, fair summary of the substance of the information known by any such person;

- (e) any indemnity and insuring agreements under which any person or entity carrying on an insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment entered in this action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment;
- (f) any settlement agreements relevant to the subject matter of this action; and
- (g) any statement of any party to the litigation.

2. Disclosure of Expert Testimony. A party must disclose to the other parties the identity of any witness it may use at trial to present evidence under Federal Rule of Evidence 702, 703 or 705, and:

- (a) if the witness is one retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or one whose duties as the party's employee regularly involve giving expert testimony, provide the disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B) and Local Rule CV-26; and
- (b) for all other such witnesses, provide the disclosure required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(C).

3. Additional Disclosures. Without awaiting a discovery request,¹ each party will make the following disclosures to every other party:

- (a) provide the disclosures required by the Patent Rules for the Eastern District of Texas with the following modifications to P.R. 3-1 and P.R. 3-3:

P.R. 3-1(g): If a party claiming patent infringement asserts that a claim element is a software limitation, the party need not comply with P.R. 3-1 for those claim elements until 30 days after source code for each Accused Instrumentality is produced by the opposing party. Thereafter, the party claiming patent infringement shall

¹ The Court anticipates that this disclosure requirement will obviate the need for requests for production.

identify, on an element-by-element basis for each asserted claim, what source code of each Accused Instrumentality allegedly satisfies the software limitations of the asserted claim elements.

P.R. 3-3(e): If a party claiming patent infringement exercises the provisions of P.R. 3-1(g), the party opposing a claim of patent infringement may serve, not later than 30 days after receipt of a P.R. 3-1(g) disclosure, supplemental “Invalidity Contentions” that amend only those claim elements identified as software limitations by the party claiming patent infringement.

- (b) produce or permit the inspection of all documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to the pleaded claims or defenses involved in this action, except to the extent these disclosures are affected by the time limits set forth in the Patent Rules for the Eastern District of Texas; and
- (c) provide a complete computation of any category of damages claimed by any party to the action, and produce or permit the inspection of documents or other evidentiary material on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered, except that the disclosure of the computation of damages may be deferred until the time for Expert Disclosures if a party will rely on a damages expert.

4. Protective Orders. The Court will enter the parties’ Agreed Protective Order.

5. Discovery Limitations. For purposes of this Discovery Order, “Defendant” means each party sued by Plaintiff in the above captioned action, and “Side” means a party or a group of parties with a common interest. The discovery in this cause is limited to the disclosures described in Paragraphs 1-3 together with:

- (a) Interrogatories: Plaintiff is permitted to jointly serve ten (10) common interrogatories to all Defendants and fifteen (15) individual interrogatories

to each Defendant without leave of Court; Defendants are permitted to jointly serve ten (10) common interrogatories to Plaintiff, and each Defendant is permitted to serve fifteen (15) individual interrogatories to Plaintiff without leave of Court;

- (b) Requests for Admission: Plaintiff is permitted to jointly serve ten (10) common requests for admissions to all Defendants and thirty (30) individual requests for admissions to each Defendant without leave of Court; Defendants are permitted to jointly serve ten (10) common requests for admissions to Plaintiff, and each Defendant is permitted to serve thirty (30) individual requests for admissions without leave of Court; and there shall be no limit, however, on the number of requests for admission per side directed solely to the authentication of documents and things;

- (c) Depositions: Fact—

- a. Maximum 70 hours of depositions for each side in each case, including the depositions of any witnesses designated on topics for purposes of Rule 30(b)(6). The Defendants shall coordinate depositions such that the inventor and the Plaintiff are only deposed one time. Each inventor deposition will have a time limit of eight (8) hours. All other depositions shall be limited to a maximum of seven (7) hours unless extended by agreement of the parties.

- (d) Depositions: Expert—

- a. Depositions of Defendants' expert witnesses shall be limited to 7 hours per expert per report,² or, if the expert prepared a report pertaining to issues unique to multiple Defendants, 7 hours per expert per report, plus an additional 4 hours per additional Defendant addressed.³ Depositions of Plaintiff's experts shall be limited to 7 hours per expert per report or, if the expert addresses issues unique to multiple Defendants in such report, 7 hours per expert per report plus an additional 4 hours per additional Defendant addressed. The parties agree that infringement/non-infringement, validity/invalidity, damages, and inequitable conduct will constitute separate reports for purposes of calculating time limits for expert depositions.⁴ Each party may offer testimony from a maximum of three (3) expert witnesses
- b. Depositions of experts shall not count toward the limit on fact depositions as described above.

Any party may later move to modify these limitations for good cause.

² An initial report and rebuttal report prepared by a single expert constitute two reports and entitle the parties to two depositions of said expert.

³ For example, if the Defendants' expert jointly prepares a non-infringement report on behalf of four Defendants, Plaintiff would be entitled to depose the witness for 7 hours, plus an additional 12 hours, for a total of 19 hours. If the Defendants' expert also prepares an invalidity report on behalf of four Defendants, Plaintiff would be entitled to depose the witness for only an additional 7 hours.

⁴ This sentence is in no way intended to limit any rights the parties may have to serve additional and/or other expert reports with respect to these and other topics within the discovery limits defined herein and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which rights the parties hereby expressly reserve.

- 6. Privileged Information.** There is no duty to disclose privileged documents or information. However, the parties are directed to meet and confer concerning privileged documents or information after the Status Conference. By the deadline set in the Docket Control Order, the parties shall exchange privilege logs identifying the documents or information and the basis for any disputed claim of privilege in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege or protection. Any party may move the Court for an order compelling the production of any documents or information identified on any other party's privilege log. If such a motion is made, the party asserting privilege shall respond to the motion within the time period provided by Local Rule CV-7. The party asserting privilege shall then file with the Court within 30 days of the filing of the motion to compel any proof in the form of declarations or affidavits to support their assertions of privilege, along with the documents over which privilege is asserted for *in camera* inspection.
- 7. Signature.** The disclosures required by this Order shall be made in writing and signed by the party or counsel and shall constitute a certification that, to the best of the signer's knowledge, information and belief, such disclosure is complete and correct as of the time it is made. If feasible, counsel shall meet to exchange disclosures required by this Order; otherwise, such disclosures shall be served as provided by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5. The parties shall promptly file a notice with the Court that the disclosures required under this Order have taken place.
- 8. Duty to Supplement.** After disclosure is made pursuant to this Order, each party is under a duty to supplement or correct its disclosures **immediately** if the party obtains

information on the basis of which it knows that the information disclosed was either incomplete or incorrect when made, or is no longer complete or true.

9. Discovery Disputes.

- (a) Except in cases involving claims of privilege, any party entitled to receive disclosures (“Requesting Party”) may, after the deadline for making disclosures, serve upon a party required to make disclosures (“Responding Party”) a written statement, in letter form or otherwise, of any reason why the Requesting Party believes that the Responding Party’s disclosures are insufficient. The written statement shall list, by category, the items the Requesting Party contends should be produced. The parties shall promptly meet and confer. If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute, then the Responding Party shall, within 14 days after service of the written statement upon it, serve upon the Requesting Party a written statement, in letter form or otherwise, which identifies (1) the requested items that will be disclosed, if any, and (2) the reasons why any requested items will not be disclosed. The Requesting Party may thereafter file a motion to compel.
- (b) In addition to the requirements of Local Rule CV-7(h) and (i), an opposed discovery-related motion must include a certification that an **in-person** conference involving lead and local counsel for all parties to the discovery dispute was held.
- (c) Counsel are directed to contact the chambers of the undersigned for any “hot-line” disputes before contacting the Discovery Hotline provided by Local Rule CV-

26(e). If the undersigned is not available, the parties shall proceed in accordance with Local Rule CV-26(e).

10. **No Excuses.** A party is not excused from the requirements of this Discovery Order because it has not fully completed its investigation of the case, or because it challenges the sufficiency of another party's disclosures, or because another party has not made its disclosures. Absent court order to the contrary, a party is not excused from disclosure because there are pending motions to dismiss, to remand or to change venue.
11. **Filings.** Only upon request from chambers shall counsel submit to the court courtesy copies of any filings.
12. **Proposed Stipulations by the Parties Regarding Discovery:**
 - (a) **Privileged Documents and Information Created or Conveyed After the Filing of This Case.** The parties agree that documents or information created or conveyed subsequent to the filing of this case that are protected by attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine, including any applicable common interest or joint defense privileges, do not have to be identified on a privilege log, except as provided under Local Patent Rule 3-7.
 - (b) **Experts.** The parties agree that the following materials shall not be subject to discovery in this litigation: (a) draft expert reports; (b) notes, outlines, and any other materials used to prepare any draft expert report; (c) communications and conversations between counsel and testifying or consulting experts, unless such conversations or communications are relied upon as a basis for any opinions provided in an expert report or expert testimony; (d) communications and conversations between one or more parties and testifying or consulting experts,


unless such conversations or communications are relied upon as a basis for any opinions provided in an expert report or expert testimony; and (e) information, analyses, opinions, or other materials from any outside consultant or expert, unless such information, analyses, opinions, or other materials are relied upon as a basis for any opinions provided in an expert report or expert testimony. Materials, communications, and other information exempt from discovery under this paragraph shall be treated as attorney-work product privileged but need not be logged on a privilege log. This provision does not change the existing protections for expert discovery and exceptions thereto set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4).

- (c) **Third Party Discovery.** A party who serves a subpoena in this matter on a third party shall immediately provide a copy to the other parties. A party who receives documents from a third party pursuant to a subpoena will reproduce those documents to the other parties within five (5) business days. Where reproduction of documents within five business days is not possible, the party who received the documents will provide prompt notice to the other parties and will work in good faith to resolve the issue on a case-by-case basis.
- (d) **Service.** The parties agree to electronic service of all correspondence, documents filed under seal, written discovery requests, and responses to written discovery requests (unless the volume of electronic information makes such delivery impractical). The parties agree that service by email shall be subject to Local Rule CV-5(a)(3)(C-D). Three (3) days is still added to deadlines based on Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(d).

- (e) **ESI Discovery.** The parties are conferring regarding electronic discovery, and will provide the Court with a proposed E-Discovery Order by January 8, 2016.

So Ordered and Signed on this

Dec 29, 2015



RODNEY GILSTRAP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE